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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applic. of: Barry K. Elliott)
Filed: Simultaneously Herewith) Examiner:
Serial No:) Group Art Unit:
For: VEHICLE FRONT-END QUICK CONNECT)
HITCH AND LIFT ASSEMBLY which is a)
CIP of S.N. 09/661,518 filed on)
9/13/00)
Attorney Ref. No.: AC116/2000)

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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS
FOR FILING A CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation-In-Part application from prior copending parent application Serial No. 09/661,518 filed on September 13, 2000 for a **VEHICLE FRONT-END QUICK CONNECT HITCH AND LIFT ASSEMBLY** Barry K. Elliott.

Enclosed is a U.S. Continuation-In-Part Patent Application with specification, claims, seven (7) sheets of informal drawings, an Abstract, and unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Applicants qualify as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

The specification includes as the first sentence:

--This is a Continuation-In-Part of United States Application Serial No. 09/661,518 filed on September 13, 2000 which is incorporated by reference herein.

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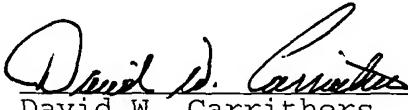
No patent has issued, and no abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred in the above-identified prior application.

The new subject matter constitutes changes to the drawings.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the attached:

- 1) The CIP patent application including specification, claims and 7 pages of informal drawings;
- 2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3) Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 4) Abstract of the Invention;
- 5) Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status of Inventors;
- 6) Express Mail Certificate; and
- 7) and return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Provisional, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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